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Case No. 8285/630

## PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

To the Commissioner for Patents:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior application Number <u>09/124,960</u> filed on <u>July 29, 1998</u>, entitled <u>CALL SCREENING APPARATUS AND METHOD</u>.

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of: Eileen C. Schwab, Gayle R. Eckstrom, Gisele A. Marcus, Edward A. Ossello for CALL SCREENING APPARATUS AND METHOD. Enclosed are: 図 24 sheet(s) of drawings and 31 pages of application (including title page).  $\boxtimes$ Copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the parent application (2 page(s)). This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 CFR 🕿 1.53, the Assistant Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application:  $\Box$ Associate Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address. П Verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27. Ø The prior application is assigned of record to Ameritech Corporation.  $\boxtimes$ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This application is a \( \sigma \) continuation \( \propto \) division of application number 09/124,960, filed July 29, 1998, (pending), which is hereby incorporated by reference herein." A preliminary amendment is enclosed (\_\_\_\_\_ page(s)). Information Disclosure Statement (\_\_\_\_\_ page(s)) and PTO Form 1449 (\_\_\_\_ page(s)). Priority of foreign application number \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has been filed in prior application number \_\_\_\_\_, filed Other Than Claims as Filed Col. 1 Col. 2 Small Entity Small Entity For No. Filed No. Extra Rate Fee Rate Fee or Basic Fee 370 \$ 750 OF **Total Claims** 0x\$18= 0 x\$9=\$ \$0 or Indep. Claims 0x\$84= 0 x\$42=\$ \$0 or Multiple Dependent Claims Present +\$140= \$ or +\$280= \$0 \*If the difference in col. 1 is less than zero, or enter "0" in col. 2. \$ Total \$750 Total Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$: \_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this П communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16. Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Any filing fees under 37 CFR § 1.16 for presentation of extra claims. Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17. П The issue fee set in 37 CFR § 1.18 at or before mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.311(b). August 12, 2003 Date John G. Rauch

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